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## THE STATE FAIR.

FIRST DAY.

The Ninth Annual Fair of the Vermont State Agricultural Society opens auspiciously, and with every prospect that it will be the most successful exhibition thus far held by the Society. The weather is favorable and promises to continue so. The ground is in capital condition, and Cattle, Horses, and articles for exhibition are pouring in in great numbers. At two o'clock to-day two hundred and eight cattle of a high average of merit, and four hundred and sixty eight horses (one hundred more than were entered last year up to the same time), three hundred and thirty sheep and 333 cocks of Poultry, had been entered. These numbers will be largely increased by the entries made this afternoon, and to-morrow morning. Floral Hall is filling rapidly, with an attractive collection. Among the articles already in place this forenoon, we were especially interested in a collection of stuffed Vermont birds, exhibited by Hon. L. C. Chittenden of Burlington. It comprises all the sparrows, but one of the warblers, and a number of the gallinaceous and water birds of the State, among them being the Red-winged Blackbird, the Spruce Partridge, a bird seldom seen in this State, and a White-winged Crossbill, and others. The birds were collected by Mr. Chittenden, and are beautifully stuffed and mounted.

Miss Carrie Haswell, of Burlington, exhibits some beautiful oil-paintings, we presume, but of more than ordinary merit. A seaside view of rocks and stormy water, is particularly good. Mrs. J. W. Bigelow exhibits oil paintings, portraits, still life, etc., and W. C. Stacy also exhibits some small landscapes in oil.

Of flowers and fruit but few entries had been made when we left Floral Hall this morning, and we reserve any notice of them until those departments shall be more fully and completely represented.

We observe that the large cases of Dry Goods, Clothing, etc., which last year occupied so much of the space of Mechanic's Hall are now allowed a place in Floral Hall, where they are more room for them, and where the ladies mostly do congregate. N. Peck, Jr., & Co., have a small Bocheville, (small only by comparison with the parent Bocheville, on the Square,) filled with the rich and rare silks and stuffs and fine twined linen and ribbons, etc., in which they deal. And they have canopied the roof above with rich and costly carpets.

N. Allen has a large show case of costly furs, hats, trunks and umbrellas. B. Turk exhibits a case of the Clothing, including an elaborate and elegant Dressing gown for a gentleman, some very neatly made gentlemen's clothing, and some rich and tasteful articles of boys' clothing.

BURNSIDE & HILBERT show a case of beautiful jewelry, watches and silver ware, which will reward examination.

W. C. Stowell occupies considerable space, in the fair, with imported extension, steel spring, patent back action and other varieties of Ladies' Hoop-skirts. They are suspended, as well as expanded and extended, standing out about nothing, and resembling a chain of skeleton bells without tongues.

Other articles in Floral Hall, and of the show in Mechanic's Hall, we defer notice until to-morrow.

This afternoon the track has been open to exhibitors for the practice and display of their horses and many fine animals have been exhibited in harness.

The entries close to-morrow at nine o'clock, when the looks will be given to the committees, and the examinations commence.

Second Day.

In the place of the fair weather and the rush of people which we hoped to chronicle to-day, we have to record but a thin attendance, due to the unfavorable weather. It is not a pouring rain this time, but a tremendous drizzle, which if it is to be continued for a premium, (as it is not, we believe, although it has made its own entry everywhere) would have to be classed as an "imported article," coming to us directly from New York State, in the shape of a cold raw high, very high, west Wind—a time amounting to little short of a hurricane.

This has diminished the attendance, and the comfort of a visit at the ground exceedingly, and so, far, materially interfered with the objects and success of the Fair. It is apparently subsiding, as we write, however, and the prospect is of a fine day to-morrow, which we trust will make up for the surplus of air, and deficiency of color, of to-day.

The exhibition however, is an uncommonly fair and interesting one.

The horses number no less than four hundred and ninety-one, in the following classes: Sherman Morgan Stallions, 68; Sherman Morgan Mares and Fillies, 18; Woodbury Morgan Stallions, 30; Woodbury Morgan Mares and Fillies, 16; Bull-rush Morgans, 30; Hackney and Hackney, 80; Matched Horses, 58 pairs; Mares and Geldings, 127. Among them are many splendid animals, and the general average is high. Of noted horses, Ethan Allen: Col. Lumbard, Jr.; Draco, a young horse that distinguished himself at Springfield last year; Plato: the Clifton Horse; Ira Allen and Reindeer, are present, and there are others which will make their mark in time to come.

The cattle were 202 in number, with entries still coming in at 12 o'clock to-day, as follows: Durhams 39; Ayrshires 3; Dornes 21; Herefords 8; Foreign Cattle 4; Mizoni and Working Oxen 10 yoke; Steers 21 pairs.

Of Durhams, Messrs L. J. Wright of Weybridge, and A. M. Winslow of Putney, make a fine show. Among Mr. Wright's Cattle is a Cow of the famous Henry Clay stock, from Kentucky. Mr. Winslow has a magnificent yearling bull of pure Durham blood, and some steers of mixed blood of remarkable size.

L. Brigham of Essex, has some beautiful cattle of pure and mixed Devon blood, including a very fine 4 year old bull.

Groves & Root of Bennington, exhibit a most remarkable calf, seven months old and weighing 930 lbs! Mr. Meach of Shelburne, has a pair of fat Cows which will probably cross 1000 lbs.

And there are other noticeable specimens of which we have no minutes.

The show of Sheep is remarkably large

and fine, numbering three hundred and eighty-three. There are of Spanish Merinos, 26 Bucks, 61 Ewes and 61 Lambs, and 75 in pens of 25: French Merinos 14; Long and Middle wooled 119; and of Mixed breeds 31. The show of Mutton Sheep is unusually large, a fact which we are glad to note, as too little attention is given by Vermont farmers to the raising of sheep for Mutton.

Among these are fine shows of the Cotswold variety by Messrs J. Robinson of Sherborn, C. E. Charles Robinson, of Lacolle, C. E., and Timothy Davis of East Montpelier.

Mr. John Robinson has the most remarkable specimen in the shape of a sheep that we ever saw. It is a Cotswold Buck weighing 390 lbs, with wool which measures over a foot in length. He should be seen by everybody.

The entries of swine are five in number, and of poultry thirty-four cocks, of which we must reserve notice.

## MECHANIC'S HALL.

We give below a list of the articles in Mechanic's Hall, reserving till to-morrow our notices of articles of special interest.

Wood & Brown, West Milton, Drain-Tile, N. & J. Buck, Lebanon, N. H., Iron Nails.

E. Dickerman, Jonesville, Clothes Wringers.

H. H. Doolittle, Burlington, Churns, Dredges and Grains, Cradles.

Ballard Bros., Burlington, Earthenware, D. S. Sweet, Aburgh, Horse Shoes, J. R. Forest, Barre, Case and Foster's Window Spring.

Page & Hill, Burlington, Tom-toms, B. Thacher & Co., Burlington, Salt, E. C. Loomis, Burlington, Leather, Munson & Ward, Bristol, Harness, P. D. Colby, Williston, Dredging Machine and Spoke Anger.

Nelson & Baskerville, Burlington, Bent Wood.

C. Nelson, Burlington, Chairs, Dow, Nay & Co., Hingham, Docking, Winoski Mill Co., Winoski, Sheddings, Harting Bros., Winoski, Cassimere, G. M. Petersen, Burlington, Tobacco and Segars.

Daniel & Calcutt, Waterbury, Indolite Ink, J. Calcutt, Waterbury, Willow Baskets, Hugh Ross, Richmond, Wood Turning, Hugh Ross, Richmond, Lathe Rest and Tenon.

Chase & Smith, Burlington, Doors, Sash, &c.

J. Jewell, Richmond, Furniture, L. S. Rust, Burlington, Pianos and childrens Cakes.

E. & G. Greene, Brattleboro, Melodions, Organ, &c.

Chas. Benns, Burlington, Buffalo Overcoat.

N. Parker, Burlington, Furniture, G. B. Dow, Stoves Refrigerators and Coffee Pot.

M. A. Evans, Burlington, Stoves and Pumps.

W. C. Smith, St. Albans, Stoves, Taft & Hove, Taftville, Corn Sheller, D. A. Danforth, Corn and Feed Cutter, J. Roddy, Burlington, Washing Machine, E. Nelson, Burlington, Barber's Water-Drawing.

Chas. Smith, Burlington, Corn Sheller, S. Pierce, Butter Working.

H. C. Dwyer, Todd Chest, Biogdell & Sweet, Pumps, Stoves and Ovens.

A. O. Hood, Winoski, Case Liniment, H. Frontis & Co., Burlington, Boots and Shoes.

A. Prouty, Burlington, Boots & Shoes, Miles & Howe, " "

W. F. Greenleaf, Winoski, Bag Cart, J. Hyndville Co., Hyndville, Marble Mantels, &c.

L. M. Hagar, Burlington, Door Knobs, &c., J. S. Pierce, Aquarium, S. S. Brown, " Crockery and Glassware.

Miss E. J. Potter, St. Albans, Leaf Wheat Bread.

D. Lovell, Middlebury, Maple Sugar, J. A. Snow, Burlington, " "

O. L. Batey, Jericho, " "

E. B. Russell, Williston, Butter, A. E. Biss, Essex, " "

H. A. Battelle, Shelburne, " "

elaborate patterns—a very showy, and doubtless serviceable article, although we are not aware what particular service it is intended to be put to.

Mrs. L. F. Joslin, Milton, S. Colburn, Fletcher, Miss Louisa Howard, and Miss L. R. Rich, Charlotte, and Mrs. C. Freeman, exhibits elaborate linen Embroidery.

Miss Carrie Haswell, case of beautiful needlework embroidery.

Mrs. C. P. Atherton, Essex, large round table of crocheted work.

Woolen hose, serviceable and good by Mrs. E. J. Tyler, Shelburne, and Mrs. A. G. Tracy, Essex.

Mrs. L. F. Ray, Burlington, large case of "loves of Bonnets" and Millinery, very attractive to the ladies.

Mrs. Glackmeyer, bonnets and Millinery, Mrs. M. Thompson, Burlington, doll, as large as a child of two years.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Winoski, exhibits a "Wharton," elaborately covered with Leather-work, and a very showy stand of oriental work set in an iron frame and on an iron stand of ornamental design.

An "Alphabetical Acrostic," indited and wrought in sampler work, by Miss S. A. Chase of Winoski, combines the Arts of poetry and embroidery.

Mrs. G. W. Dorr, hanging baskets of beads and pine cones.

Mrs. D. W. Hazard of Charlotte, elaborate picture frames of one and shell work.

C. P. Stanfield's large case is filled with rich and tasteful dry goods of every description and attracts much attention. It is canopied with costly carpets, and tags of very rich patterns and almost as handsome as the Golden tapestry.

G. W. & G. Benedict, exhibit Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines, 3 kinds, and Specimens of printing, executed at their Job Office.

Of Flowers the quantity thus far is comparatively small, and we omit mention of them to-day, in the hope that to-morrow will show a fuller display. To the fruit, also, we shall give due attention to-morrow.

The proceedings of the day have been the reception of Hon. Geo. Van, delegate of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society, at 10 A. M., the grand cavalcade of Horses in the forenoon, and the examination of Horses by classes in the afternoon.

The great features of to-morrow will be: Boxes Addressed. It will be, as we are respectfully assured by the Secretary of the Society, at 10 o'clock A. M. Geo. Banks and Gen. Wool arrived this afternoon by the same train and were escorted to the American Hotel by the Howard Guards. Geo. Banks we understand will be the guest of L. B. Cannon, Esq., during his stay.

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Representatives.  
Hall, Saxe.  
Winnoski, S. West, r.  
Bennington, D. Hubbard, r.  
Dorset, Chas. Field, r.  
Manchester, C. Green, r.  
Poultney, E. M. Morgan, r.  
Rupert, Thos. L. Sheldon, r.  
Sandgate, B. Burd, d.  
Searsburg, S. Robinson, r.  
Shelburne, H. A. Cole, r.  
Standard, D. A. Blood, r.  
Sunderland, G. B. Bacon, d.  
Woodford, A. Aldrich, d.

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Barnet, J D Abbott, r	219
Burke, H. M. Hall, r	113
Danville, Wm. Trussell r	194
Groton, H. Welch, r.*	99
Hardwick, A. Goodrich, r.*	155
Kirby, E. W. Church, r.*	47
Lyndon, W. H. McGaffey, r.*	182